

STARS BASKETBALL LEAGUE'S BIGGEST GAME

Tempting Basketball Menu Offered at "Y"

Chicago Y. M. C. A. College Quintet Clashes With Memphis Five in Most Important Basketball Battle of Season. Both Teams Await Whistle.

BY BOB PIGUE.

LEAGUE BASKETBALL is offered Memphis basketball fans at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night when the local "Y" quintet will go up against the fast Chicago Y. M. C. A. college team, which is making a tour of the South taking on all leading basketball teams. The game should be the greatest battle that has ever been staged on the local court, for both teams are primed to the minute to put up the hardest contest of their lives, and from whistle to whistle there should be thrills in abundance. That a record crowd will see the two quintets in action is assured by a heavy seat sale.

HOW THEY LINE UP.

When the whistle blows Saturday night the local "Y" team will probably line up as follows: Warden, forward; Warden and Sherman, forwards; Warden, center; Lane and Marsteller, guards.

The invaders will start the game with the following lineup: Warden, forward; Warden and Sherman, forwards; Warden, center; Lane and Marsteller, guards.

Both teams are brimming over with confidence as they take the floor and when the battle gets under way some of the best basketball has been seen in the city for some time.

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OLD FOLK, THAT BANE OF THE club owners' existence, are expected to be as plentiful as kicks on the Memphis telephone service when the contracts for the 1920 season have been received by the players. The orange-colored credentials are going to be mailed out by all Southern league clubs early next month, and as soon as they have had time to give the figures a close inspection, the chances are excellent that quite a few ball players will hurry to the nearest postoffice and return the contracts unsigned.

Salaries that were paid last season will not be acceptable this year. The high cost of living will be shoved before the magnates, also the fact that the club owners have raised the price on the admissions to their ball parks, so the non of sweat will expect to get his share of the spoils, and his share, as he figures it, will be quite a boost over last season.

If the case the magnates fail to kick in, then will the holdouts come into his own. And then will follow long days of persuasive tactics on the part of the magnates, who will finally have to use the greatest persuader of them all—mammoth, dough, cash, jack, money, greenback, kale and coin of the realm—to pacify the holdout in order to get him into the fold.

Holdouts this season? There'll be a bumper crop.

Who is going to be the 1920 "Y" champion? The answer is now in the same class with "How old is Ann?" and "Why is a goat?"

NEW CHAMPIONS CERTAIN.

The incoming year of 1920 may produce several new boxing champions. Benny Leonard, king of the lightweights, and Johnny Kilbane, at present at the top of the heap among the featherweights, should be among those who are missing when the roll is called next year.

There is without question one of the greatest fighters of all time, but he is finding it hard to get going. The time 1920 has passed away and Leonard is now so heavy to make it a plodding effort for him to get into the ring. He is now over the limit and is unable to come in at the stipulated weight. By 1921 Leonard should have developed into a welterweight, and the foremost contender for Jack Britton's crown.

Johnny Kilbane is fast fading as champion of the featherweights, and if he engages in a championship contest with any of the present crop of high-class fighters, they should be able to outpoint him in his last two bouts.

Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, is now in a knock-out expedition following the completion of his movie career in the spring and will be back in the ring in the fall.

The first opponent Dempsey wants is Fred Fulton, who claimed that his fight with Jack was a frame-up. Next Dempsey would like to meet Willie Meacham, the Los Angeles fat boy, who is now in a four-round bout in the dim and distant past.

Dempsey plans a busy summer, to be topped off with a bout with Georges Carpentier, French champion, for the biggest purse on record.

Rebel Red Herring, Memphis lightweight, sidestepped his date in Nashville, where a new club was opened, and a substitute for Herring has been secured.

Just why Rebel failed to qualify for the Nashville tournament is not known, but it is more than likely that the financial inducement wasn't sufficient.

HERMAN TOTTERING.

Among the bantams Pete Herman will be dethroned as champion in case he meets either Pat Moore, Joe Lynch, Jack Sharkey or any of the other contenders. Herman is a real champion, and in case he enters the ring for a long fight he will win his title, providing, of course, that he meets any one of the top-notchers among the present array of bantams.

Herman's most formidable opponent, Moore, expects to meet Herman for the title in the spring.

Mike O'Dowd has a death-grip on the middleweight title, and his only enemy, Mike Gibbons, has retired, O'Dowd should have peace and contentment for some time.

O'Dowd is a real champion, and there's no middleweight who should be able to beat him.

There has been no effort made locally to induce the Memphis team to play at the Hotel Gayoso for the annual meeting and installation of officers. H. J. Jorgensen, retiring president, selected president of the club for 1920 in the recent contest. With Mr. Jorgensen going into office Saturday, W. F. Holzgrafe, first vice-president; W. N. Coulson, second vice-president; J. Clayton Johnson, secretary, and three directors, Jack Welch, J. F. Jones and H. W. Baker.

NEW CITY EMPLOYEES GO TO WORK AT 8 A. M.

There was a large sale of alarm clocks in Memphis Friday morning in the early morning hour disturbances were the early rising of city employees, who hurried to work to comply with the rules of the new administration for all city employees to begin work promptly at 8 a. m.

Ten years ago E. H. Crump assumed office as mayor under the commission form of government. The Memphis school gave a demonstration in elementary English and Miss Ethel Ogden, of the Millington school, gave a demonstration in high school history.

COURTS OPEN MONDAY.

The circuit courts will open Monday with nonjury cases. It will take two weeks to dispose of these and magistrate appealed cases.

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ADVICE TO THE LOVESICK.

(Statistics at hand show that out of every three marriages in Nashville in 1919 ended in the divorce court—Nashville-Banner.)

Though Dante doesn't mention it in any book he wrote, The place men get it warmest is Not difficult to note, For where they find it hardest to Control the rag and bone, Is up in Nashville, Tennessee—The Separating Zone.

Now, friend, I've never written before Upon the marriage game; In any line of wedded sport You'll never hear my name. And while I've never had a wife (And known a life of hell—I know where I would never live In case I ever fell.

Believe me, I'm a friendly guy To go and put you wise; Don't thank me with a wallop that Will blacken up my eyes. But if you really need a wife Just take the tip from me: Don't pick the cat that emanates From Nashville, Tennessee.

lowered the international mark several seconds had the course been measured right.

WILLIAMS IN TROUBLE.

Bulldog Williams, the southern league umpire, is in trouble in Nashville, following a battle royal with a city policeman. The affair, as summed up in the Banner, is as follows:

Southern league baseball umpire, who was fined \$10 Friday in the city court on a charge of disorderly conduct, was arrested for an attack on two nurses at the city hospital at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon to a banner reporter by one of the officials of that institution.

"According to the official, Williams came to the hospital about 4 o'clock with a woman to get cut in her head. Williams was the statement made by one of the officials of that institution.

"Williams had been drinking," said the official. "He was in a high state of excitement and chased the two nurses down the length of the hall. One of them took refuge in the bathroom and Williams ran in after her and shut the door.

"The other nurse in the meantime walked to the interior, whose room was near by. When the first one of the nurses broke into the bathroom, Williams was choking the young lady. The interne attacked him with a broom.

"CROWNED" WITH BOTTLE.

"Williams was more powerful than the young man, however, and was getting the best of him. Another interne with a bottle of kerosene rushed up and Williams changed the tide of battle. Four or five more internes came in and proceeded to beat up Williams.

"The young lady whom the officials said Williams choked was confined in her bed Friday in a highly nervous condition.

"After they had finished with Williams, the interne called the police station and had him arrested. Officers Benson and Burgess made the arrest at 5:45 o'clock. Williams was very much the worse for his experience. He was taken to the police station and charged with assault and battery and disorderly conduct. Judge Wells fined him \$10 in city court Friday morning.

Williams has a reputation for being a fighter. Several years ago, while umpiring an exhibition game, he was hit by a line drive from Hein Zimmerman, third baseman of the Chicago Cubs at that time.

Williams was hit in the head and the Birmingham Southern league club was fired by the president of the league. Williams was in the Southern league last season.

Williams is 31 years old and single.

WATER VALLEY, Miss., Jan. 3. (S. P.)—Elmer Higginbotham, who is recognized as the best known fox hunter in North Mississippi and who controls one of the finest packs of "Walker" hounds to be found anywhere in the South, has accepted a challenge from Lytle Moorhead, of Paris, Miss., to meet him on Tuesday night, Jan. 6, to contest their dogs.

Mr. Higginbotham will probably be joined with Clyde Lynch, who has an excellent pack of hounds. It is expected that a large crowd will be present to witness the race which will take place about four miles north of Paris.

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